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Women Rural Coordinators
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed/proposes to appoint rural women coordinators to ensure socioeconomic development of women in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether such projects are likely to be launched from tribal and remote forest areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched throughout the country including State of Chhattisgarh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Rural Development has not appointed any women rural coordinators. Further, at present there is no such proposal under consideration. This Ministry is implementing Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) with a mandate to focus on poor rural households to ensure their socio-economic development in rural areas. 10-20 poor women from the rural households are organized to form self-help groups (SHGs), 10-20 SHGs are aggregated/ federated into village level organization (VLO), 25-40 VLOs are aggregated to form cluster level federation (CLF). DAY-NRLM has promoted 26.29 lakh SHGs covering about 3.05 crore poor households. These SHGs are aggregated to form 1.35 lakhs Village Organisation and 5485 Cluster Level Federations. Under DAY-NRLM, the State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs), which are implementing the programme in the states, are setting up Block Mission Management Units (BMMUs) that include area coordinators and cluster coordinators in select blocks to mobilize support to poor women. Women Activists are also identified in the villages (approximately 2 women activist per village) for facilitating the implementation of the programme. The programme is being presently implemented in a phased manner in all States and three Union Territories, and envisages universal coverage of rural poor households by 2024-25. A statement giving State-wise number of professionals working as Block Project Managers/Area-Coordinators/Cluster-Coordinators is enclosed as Annexure-I.